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In Testimony of Our Appreciation



FOR OVER ELEVEN YEARS, Father Hanley held the office of Master of Students here at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington. Last March he left us to enter upon new work as superior of the retreat band in St. Joseph's Province.

Dominicana wishes to pay tribute to Father Hanley for his long years of exemplary service. For over a decade he had been with us, helping us and guiding us in our most important moments as Dominicans. For eleven summers it was he who prepared us for Solemn Profession; it was he who took our trembling hands into his own as we consecrated our lives to God, to Mary, and to Dominic, until death. It was he who led us step by step up the noble stairway to the priesthood, seasoning our souls for each new dignity, introducing us to the beauties of God's sanctuary, as we rose through the minor and major orders to the highest step of the altar. Each spring for eleven years it was he who stood beside the bishop to present us, as his own, for ordination to the priesthood. Then it was his sacred joy to watch us celebrate the Mass he had taught us how to offer, and to be blessed by us whom he had taught how to bless. Through all these years it was his Christ-like work to make us *other Christs*.

Yet it was not only at these solemn moments that we felt the warmth of his gracious influence. His task was our preparation for the sacred ministry and our formation as contemplative workers in the apostolate, and he never failed to encourage us by the eloquence of his words or by the persuasion of his exam-

ple to reach out for the richest in spiritual things. His profound insight into human nature coupled with his innate kindness made him a sympathetic counselor; his wealth of knowledge and prudent leadership won our unstinted admiration. His ready wit and sparkling sense of humor made our every association with him a source of delight. Above all we remember him as our Father in God, working for our betterment in every way, molding us unswervingly according to the pattern of perfect goodness, inspiring heart and soul by that characteristically paternal regard which has enshrined his memory in our hearts.

Dominicana bids Father Hanley a fond farewell and sends him our best wishes and our prayers for complete success in his new post. We speak not only for ourselves, but for all his students of these past eleven years—a whole generation of Dominicans—who rise up with us to honor him in this testimonial of our appreciation and gratitude.